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Dear Secretary of State

It has been drawn to my attention that the applicant for permission to build Botley West Solar Farm is now proposing to make new submissions with updated Masterplans.

However, the deadline for the applicant's submission was the 9th June and their request to you for extension was rightly refused by you. The upcoming deadline of 16th July was advertised as for responses by Interested Parties to anything submitted by the applicant up to the 9th June. To favour the applicant by relaxing agreed deadlines at this stage would be unjust.

I made a timely and evidence-based objection in the light of Bladon Parish's Nature Recovery Strategy, linked here:

<https://bladon-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/policies/Bladon-PC-Local-Nature-Recovery-Strategy.pdf>

which openly warns that the applicant has failed to prove capacity as a responsible and informed long-term tenant and land manager. Mapping was inadequate, and at no stage has the applicant been able to support claims of a 70% uplift in biodiversity. In fact a carelessness for nature and people has become painfully obvious, with no ecological or sociological expertise available at any of the statutory local consultations.

May I respectfully request that you refuse these updated Masterplans from the applicant, as falling outside the previously announced deadlines that interested parties have been at pains to observe?

Yours sincerely

Sarah Watkinson